



Dear Friend of Cats Aren't Trophies,

In recent days, three members of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission, along with a former chairman of that body, called out trophy hunting of mountain lions and bobcats as unethical and also as unneeded for any legitimate management purpose.

“Proposition 127 bans chasing mountain lions with dogs, in which the ‘hunter’ follows the GPS signal from the dogs’ collars to a treed lion, walks up and shoots the animal. That is not hunting, and something we would never allow with ungulates,” **wrote Parks and Wildlife Commission Vice Chair Richard Reading, PhD, a wildlife biologist, in his letter published Sunday in the Ark Valley Voice**. “Similarly, bobcats are trapped not for personal use, but for the sale of their fur for sale [sic] to buyers from outside the U.S. — the very definition of commodification.”

The CPW Commission is the governing body that sets policy on wildlife for all citizens across the great state of Colorado.

“Prop 127 allows voters to recognize not all hunting is defensible, and these are indefensible state-sanctioned acts of cruelty,” explained **James Pribyl, Jack Murphy, and Jessica Beaulieu** in their opinion piece in the Grand Junction Sentinel Sunday.

Murphy, Beaulieu, and Reading are three current members of the CPW Commission, while Pribyl is the former chair. The commissioners were appointed to the commission by two former governors.

“Opponents of Proposition 127 argue that we must allow our agency to professionally and scientifically manage wildlife. Nothing in Proposition 127 prevents the agency from doing that, it simply sets the ground rules by which the agency operates. We already do that. We do not permit use of night lights and baiting, for example. Yes, we may have to change some management, but our professionals at CPW are up to the task,” **Reading says**.

“Prop 127 is based on not a little, but more than a half-century of the best science as evidence for commissioners to confidently tell the voters that lion populations will stabilize, not increase, without hunting. In California without lion hunting, populations are stable, not increasing, and at the same level as they are here in Colorado,” **multiple Commissioners report**.

The YES on 127 recommendations from these current and former leaders of the Wildlife Commission come in the wake of the opponents of the ballot measure concocting bald-faced lies about the ballot measure. They are trying to tell people that trophy hunting is banned in

Colorado! But it's precisely because trophy hunting of lions and bobcats is happening on such a significant scale that we launched Prop 127 in the first place!

Every day between now and November 5th, tens of thousands of Colorado voters will cast their ballots. There is no time to waste in urging your friends, neighbors, and others to vote YES on 187.

We also have a wonderful postcard you can email to friends and colleagues or post on social media.

You can [click here to download the card and email it to your contacts](#). You can also just copy and forward the link. To share on Facebook, [just click here, download and post as a photo](#).

You also can share a link to our TV advertisement featuring Dan Ashe, our nation's former top wildlife management official, endorsing the ballot measure and calling trophy hunting of lions and bobcats "cruel and unsporting." The ad is running statewide, and it can be viewed here: [Dan Ash: Vote YES on 127- Cats Aren't Trophies \(youtube.com\)](#)

We Need Your Help to Run the Ad with More Frequency

We have the right moral and scientific arguments for Prop 127 and we have Colorado volunteers in every part of the state.

But the other side has very deep pockets. They have millions of dollars. We cannot allow them to swamp our campaign with misleading ads and phony arguments.

We need your help to run the "America's Top Wildlife Professional Urges Yes on 127" ad with more frequency.

Will you donate \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$1,000, or more? If you do, we'll invest every dime of what you deliver to the CATs campaign to buy more ads from Colorado Springs to Denver to Grand Junction.

To win, we cannot just have the right message, but we need the resources to deliver it. That's why we need you today.

Voting starts now.

[Please give as generously as you can today.](#)

*For the cats,
Samantha Miller
Cats Aren't Trophies, Campaign Manager*